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Four companies bid for municipal office

Quotes range from \$1.5- to \$2-million

by **MATTHEW WALLS**
Times staff

The fate of the proposed municipal office for Minden Hills could be determined by council within the next few weeks.

Last Wednesday, Minden Hills council opened four building ten-

ders for the office, with figures ranging from \$1.5 million to close to \$2 million.

Council will not make any decisions until they read the report on the tenders being prepared by architect Duncan Ross, CAO Gerry Morrison and Environmental and Property Operations Manager Bob Romberg.

Reeve Ross Rigney said council will look at the report and the documents at its first meeting on

Thursday, and will likely then set a meeting to discuss the tenders.

Rigney and councillors Peter Oyler, Cheryl Murdoch and Ron Buchanan attended the tenders' opening.

Oyler said he thinks the lower figures "probably are attainable" for council.

The tenders were received after council made a second call for building tenders on September 25th, after the first

call drew only just one response.

For this tender, the proposed building site was the Minden Curling Club's parking lot.

While the Curling Club has not publicly opposed the proposal, the club's executive is said to be split on the issue and several months ago the executive sent a letter to council stating their reservations. One of the executive members, Cheryl Murdoch,

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Christmas in Carnarvon

Ladies from the Lochlin United Church were among those who participated in the Christmas in Carnarvon celebrations. The ladies,

including Marilyn Marks, Lois Rigney (behind), Yvonne Newell, Linda Catenazzi and Janice Shaw, left to right, entertained by performing a skit.

Weather to blame for power outages: Hydro

by **JERRY GROZELLE**
 & **MARTHA PERKINS**
Times staff

Mother Nature is being blamed for power outages that we have experienced in Haliburton County over the past several weeks. A combination of factors

has caused problems, says Ken Casey, Union Trade Supervisor with Hydro One in Minden.

High winds have not only contributed to trees being blown down across hydro lines, they also played havoc with some old copper wires.

Casey said that copper is vulnerable to vibrations caused by high winds. That is what caused an outage in Haliburton County last Tuesday evening. The copper line snapped at the corner of Highway 35 and the north junction of County Road 121 near the

Corner Store at just after 7 p.m. on December 2. The break in the line affected three power stations - Minden, Kinmount and Gull River (on the Deep Bay Road).

When the line broke, it slipped

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Wet ground makes trees more susceptible to blow overs

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through five spans (poles). "We had to get protection from Orillia Light and Power to make sure the lines weren't energized while we were working on them," Casey said. "That was part of the reason it took so long to get the power back on."

Most power outages can be attributed to wind blowing trees over lines. "Wind and trees are a big problem," Casey said. Compounding that problem is the fact that the unusually high amount of rain we have had over the past three months has the ground saturated. With the soil so wet, it takes much less force of wind to topple trees.

At one time, the Minden area office of what is now Hydro One had the biggest forestry department in the province. Streamlining of operations over the past decade has resulted in the amalgamation of the Newmarket, Fenelon Falls and Minden forestry departments. "When storms hit you need everybody you can get your hands on," Casey said. He said Hydro One has a list of part-time foresters, mostly retired Hydro workers, from which to draw when they are needed.

The topography of Haliburton County often makes it difficult to find the cause of a power outage. "A lot of lines are not accessible from the road," Casey explained. "We have to get a helicopter in."

Casey said crews will be doing extensive work clearing trees away from lines starting in the new year.

Al Manchee, a spokesman for Hydro One, concurs.

"This area is the most heavily treed in the area. We clear them as much as we can but in a storm you're going to have damage," he said.

He noted that a balance is needed to protect lines while at the same time realizing that people don't like to see too many trees cut. He said burying lines is possible when you're starting from scratch but, "if you're replacing lines in the Canadian Shield it's prohibitively expensive, almost 10 times as much."

Keeping the power on is not an easy task and some outages are inevitable. Inclement weather is the most common cause of power outages.

"Because of the nature of the industry we cannot guarantee an uninterrupted supply of power," Manchee said. "We take steps to minimize their frequency and length but equipment does break down and you get the vagaries of weather. We certainly understand people's frustration."

"Every outage has a different set of circumstances. There's a wide range of factors. We try to minimize the risk but when you're in a rural area with long lines going through some of the more rugged landscape, power outages are more frequent"

Keeping the system in working order is an ongoing process.

"We are continually testing and upgrading our assets," Manchee said. "We have a much more robust forestry program. Throughout the '90s forestry was one of the programs that took a hit. We're ramping up our forestry

program; we're increasing resources for our forestry program; we're spending a lot of money on maintaining on improving our assets."

Although there were cuts in personnel in the mid-90s, "We have not downsized anyone since then," Manchee said. "We've been a separate entity for four years and I think we need to keep the focus on how we've been doing since then."

" Since Hydro One was created we've been investing a lot of money with the transmission system."

This area was an isolated pocket that had power during the blackout that affected most of eastern Canada and the North-eastern United States. Manchee said the reason we weren't affected by the August blackout is that we are "served off a high voltage line from a hydro electric station on the Ottawa River that is somewhat separated from the Ontario grid. They sensed a problem coming their way and automatically disconnected and formed these islands [where power remained on.]"

In spite of the effort to restore power as quickly as possible, whenever a power outage lasts more than a few minutes during business hours local merchants suffer.

With the power out in Haliburton for about two hours on Saturday, November 29 most businesses felt the pinch during prime Christmas shopping hours.

Andy Glecoff of V&S in Haliburton said the outage affected his sales. "We were running a scratch and save promotion on Saturday," he said. "So we extended it to Sunday. We had our best day ever Sunday so we made up for the Saturday losses."

Other businesses may not have been so fortunate. "We certainly understand the frustration when the power goes out," Manchee said.



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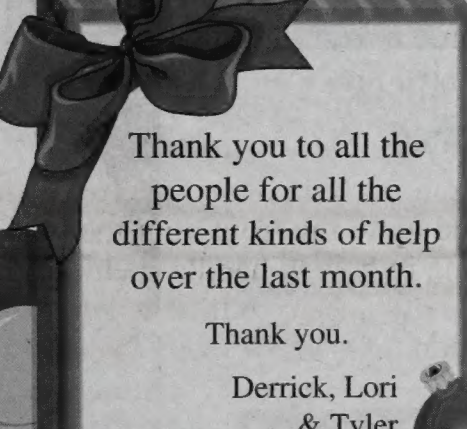
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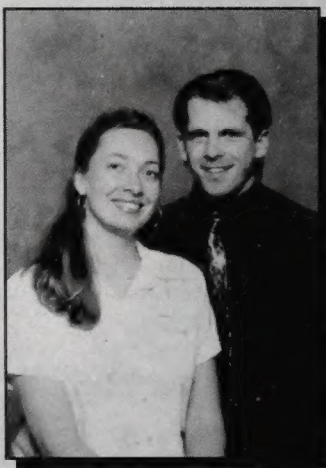
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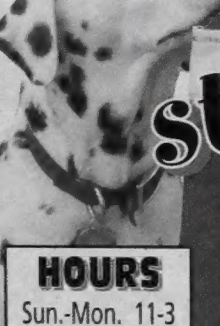
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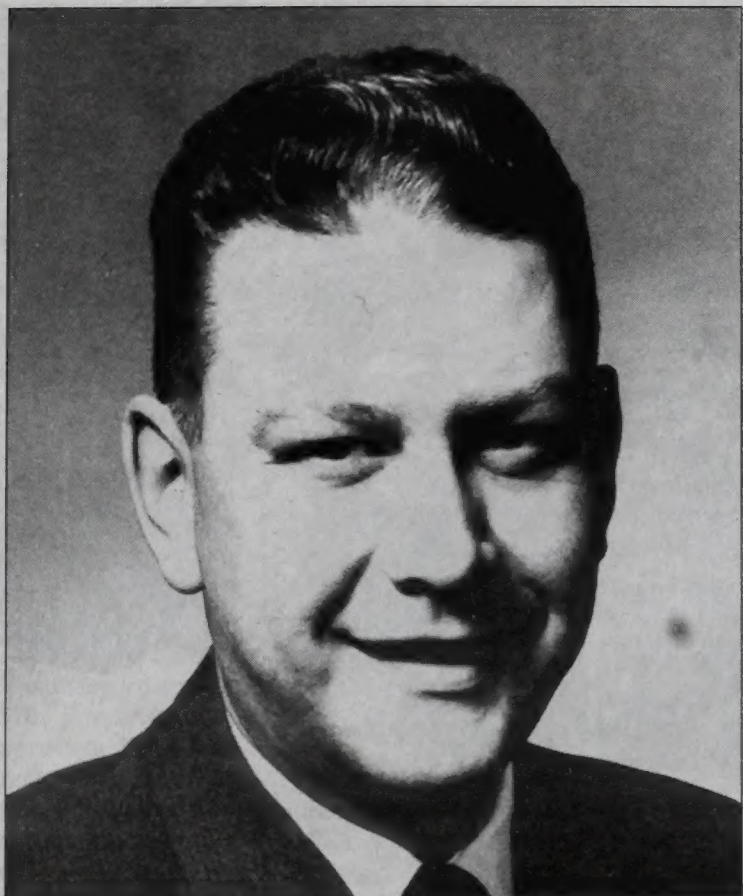
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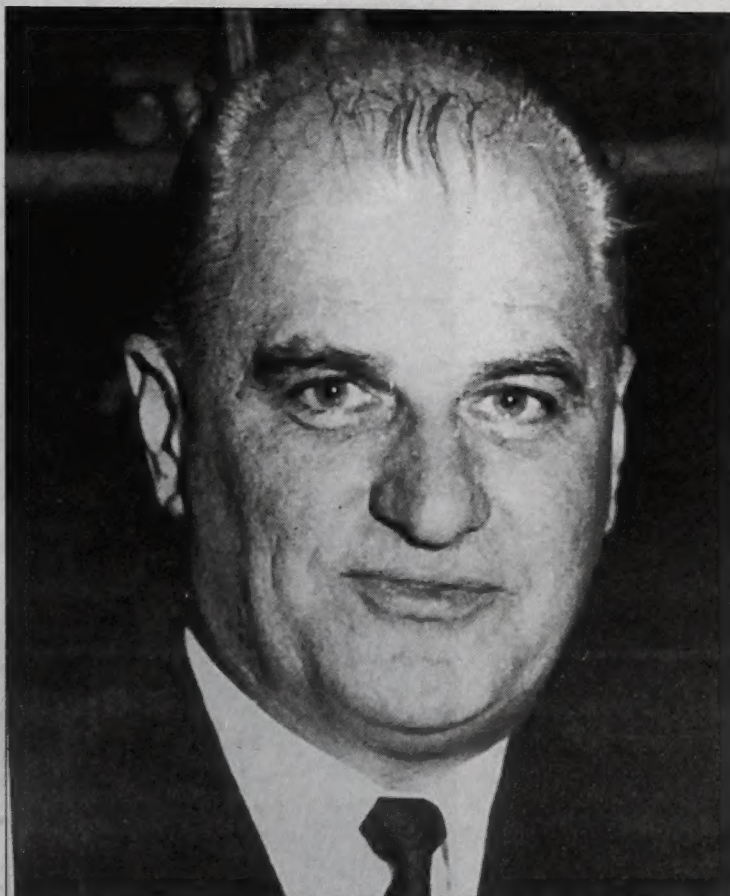
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Det. Sgt. Lorne Chapitis had just returned from a course on how to deal with people with mental illness when the Minden OPP called for his help in dealing with a schizophrenic man who had threatened to kill his family.



Corp. James Smith was the district's expert in the use of tear gas. He decided not to use it because the house in which the gunman lived was too big. He and Chapitis were killed while trying to end the showdown peacefully.

Serving the residents of Haliburton County

by MARTHA PERKINS

IN A STORY OF OVERWHELMING SADNESS, one of the most tragic aspects of the murders of Det. Sgt. Lorne Chapitis and Corp. James Smith is that they were trying to do the honourable thing.

They knew the man standing in the doorway of the farmstead on South Lake had a gun. They knew he had threatened to kill members of his family and was an expert marksman. But they also knew he was mentally ill and they wanted to apprehend him in a peaceful way. Bloodshed was to be avoided.

In their parked cruiser, the two officers had bullet-proof vests and tear gas, yet as they walked up to the front door the only "weapon" they wanted to use was Chapitis' recent training in how to handle such incidents.

Their guns were in their holsters; they were going to talk their way out of the volatile situation.

On the evening of December 11, 1968, both men were shot dead at almost point-blank range. First Chapitis, then Smith.

On December 1, 2003, the Haliburton Highlands OPP dedicated a plaque in honour of the two officers at the Minden office. It stands beside a plaque in memory of Const. Erik Nystedt, who was stabbed to death when responding to a call in Snowdon.

Although there had long been talk of doing something to acknowledge the sacrifice the two officers made while serving the residents of Haliburton County, any ideas were always turned down because the two officers were from the Peterborough detachment.

As the 35th anniversary of their deaths approached, however, the local OPP veterans association, with the help of active officers, decided to take matters into their own hands and order the plaque.

The Times interviewed two of the officers, now retired, who were at the murder scene that night: Barry Connelly, who would receive the OPP's highest award of valour after he smashed through a window to jump the murderer; and Mike Maher. (Many of the details for this story come from the court transcripts.)

The two men are in an awkward position. They want the community to know of Chapitis and Smith's heroic actions, and of the tragic outcome, but they don't want to cause the murderer's family any more anguish. Taking the family's feelings into consideration, it was agreed to call the man who shot the police by his first name only: Bill.

"They are good, nice people," Connelly says of Bill's family. "You have to feel for the family. They were doing everything they could on the 11th of December."

Thirty-five years ago, his family, many of whom still live in the Highlands, had tried to do the honourable thing, too. They had tried to get Bill psychiatric help, and earlier that day, they had tried to convince him to go with them to the doctor's after he had threatened to kill his mother. Everything they did, however, was twisted into another conspiracy.

"Get out," he said after grabbing a shotgun in his parents' house and aiming it at two of his brothers. "It's all you people that are crazy. It's your voices."

That's when the brothers called the police for the second time that day. And that's when the officers at the

Minden OPP detachment called Chapitis, the district's senior officer in charge of difficult cases, and Smith, the district's expert with tear gas, at the Peterborough OPP office for back-up.

"Do you know that there are a lot of people in the world who should be exterminated, and by exterminated I mean killed," Bill told Chapitis shortly before he shot him.

And with the two slain officers lying in the snow, he winked, smiled and said "Yup" when his brother said, "You really have done it, haven't you?"

Bill would never show remorse for what he had done. As the doctor who interviewed him after the murders noted, there was an "unemotional absence of guilt or shame over his deeds."

A paranoid schizophrenic, Bill thought that the resulting court case would give him the opportunity to let the world know of all the injustices done against him.

In 1968, there were very few options open to people who had a family member with a severe mental illness. If there was a problem, you either phoned the police or went to the hospital emergency department. By calling the police, twice, that day, the family was desperately trying to find some way to get their brother committed to some sort of facility where he could get help.

"Your hands are pretty well tied," says Bill's brother, who lives in Minden. "The system makes it impossible to do anything until they're a threat to someone."

Bill had "a history of being a loner, very quiet, very much to himself," his brother says. "He'd think nothing of walking from Minden to Ottawa. He'd take a backpack and go straight through the bush. He spent a winter in British Columbia trapping all by himself. He just went his own way."

Off and on, Bill would disappear for a few years and then suddenly arrive back at his parents', where his dad would give him a job. He also had a stint in the air force and was an expert outdoorsman.

"The last time he showed up at home in the late sum-

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The grandchildren of James Smith, Carlene Smith and Kevin Smith, unveil the plaque in memory of their grandfather and Lorne Chapitis, who were killed on December 11, 1968 while responding to a call at South Lake, during the dedication ceremony at the Minden OPP office on Monday, Dec. 1.

Tension mounts on cold, dark December evening

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mer or fall of 1968 he had changed. His outlook was a little more hostile," his brother says. "We could see this guy needed help but trying to get him to the help was impossible. Unless he did anything the police couldn't do anything. But a death threat - they could act on that."

On the morning of December 11, 1968 Bill did threaten to kill his mother. By the time the police arrived, Bill had disappeared - along with ammunition and a .44-40 calibre rifle, one of several guns at the home. The Minden officers confiscated the other guns and then went back to the office to get a warrant for Bill's arrest in relation to the death threat.

At 5:00 p.m. the family called the police again; Bill was back at his parents' house and had aimed the .44-40 at his brothers. When they tried to convince him to get help, he threatened them and said "If you get any cops, I'll send them on their way, too."

Five officers from Minden joined the two brothers at a neighbour's house: Connelly, Maher, Const. Bill Exley (who has passed away), Corp. Morris Baker, and Const. Don Lloyd (who quit the force a short time later and who still lives in Haliburton.) They drove to Bill's parents' house with Bill's brother and watched as Bill, who was alone in the house by now, frequently went outside to relieve himself. (The need to urinate often is a sign of schizophrenia.) At first they thought of jumping Bill on one of his forays outside but then it was decided to call Peterborough for back-up first, asking Smith to bring his tear gas.

Chapitis and Smith left Peterborough at 6:08.

Connelly kept a clipping from the *Toronto Telegram* dated Friday, December 13, 1968. The lead headline across the top



The police officers from Peterborough were shot just outside this door of a South Lake homestead. Note the toboggan on the ground; it was in the way of the other police officer who tried to tackle the gunman before the shooting.

of the page said "I knew he would be killed: PC's wife."

This is how the article starts:

"PETERBORO - Anita Chapitis went to Mass minutes after her husband went on an emergency call Wednesday because she knew he would never return home."

"I knew Lornie was going to die - he would never be back again."

"...When her husband left, Mrs. Chapitis slipped on her coat and walked two blocks to St. Anne's Roman Catholic Church for the evening service."

"I haven't done that before. I knew something was wrong." She spoke to Rev. G.A. Wolfe, telling him about her fears and then went home and waited with her three children: Daughters Dianne, 15, Nancy, 12, and 10-year-old son Michael.

"I didn't tell them how I felt, but it was a pretty lonely evening."

(Mrs. Chapitis still lives in Peterborough. She was contacted by the *Times* but declined to be interviewed. She was not at the dedication but Smith's family was.)

As soon as Chapitis and Smith arrived at South Lake at 8:30 p.m., Det. Sgt. Chapitis, as senior officer, was in control. They decided not to use tear gas because the house was so big and Chapitis agreed with the previous plan to grab Bill when he came outside to relieve himself. The officers were placed at various locations

outside the house: Exley, Connelly and one of the brothers was at the south end door; Baker, Lloyd and Maher were at the front (east) door; and Chapitis and Smith were standing about 13 metres from the front door.

In the darkness, Baker backed into an icicle which was hanging from the eaves. The clatter as it smashed to the ground was electrifying. Bill came to the doorway to investigate the cause of the sound. Baker could plainly see him from his vantage point near the woodshed; unfortunately, a toboggan leaning against the wall prevented clear access to the door. Baker decided to lunge at Bill but hit the toboggan instead. Bill's gun discharged. [He later said it went off accidentally.]

Tension mounted even higher when someone yelled into the dark night that "I think Maher is hit," and only slightly abated when Maher responded that he was fine.

A light came on in the front door and Bill appeared. He said he wanted to talk to four men: "two agreeable and two disagreeable."

Chapitis moved towards the door, Smith following behind him.

Baker yelled out "Christ! Don't go up there, he's still carrying a gun."

Either Chapitis and Smith didn't hear him or they disregarded what he said.

There was not a sound as they approached.

Baker says he heard Bill tell the officers that "There are a lot of people in this world who need to be exterminated, and by exterminated I mean killed." Bill also said something about the voices of his family bothering him and told the officers, "You bastards are not doing anything about it."

Maher described the conversation that followed in court as follows: "Bill said that he understood there was a law about shooting a police officer. He couldn't understand why there wasn't one about other people. He asked if anyone knew the reason for this, at which point I stood up behind the lumber pile and advised him that I understood, I told him that I understood he had a problem and how could I assist him. I took a step to my left towards the house just as [Bill] told Corporal Smith not to try anything."

"At this point [Bill] levered the rifle rather slowly and it appeared to jam somewhat for a very slight moment. He then cleared the jam, shot from the hip at Det. Sgt. Chapitis, who immediately fell."

"Did Chapitis say anything before [Bill] fired," a lawyer asks Maher.

Maher said "Just prior to the shot, in the process of levering the rifle Det. Sgt. Chapitis said 'Please, Bill, don't do any-

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'Please, Bill, don't do anything you'll be sorry for'

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thing you'll be sorry for,' at which point the gun was discharged and Det. Sgt. Chapitis fell... [Bill] then turned in the direction of Corporal Smith who had taken a half step backwards. The gun was again discharged and Corporal Smith fell. He was on the ground and moaning. [Bill] then turned and shot Chapitis, who had moved, again.]

"I hollered that he had shot them and that they were down. I turned to Bill and told him to drop the gun. He, at this point, was turning in my direction. I fired one shot in the direction of Bill and high. Bill stepped back into the doorway, still carrying the rifle [which was] lined up in my direction. I fired a second shot at him; he immediately cringed and seemed to half fall out the doorway. The gun came out of his hands. I don't know whether it was thrown down or whether it fell...

"Bill disappeared from view momentarily and I hollered that he didn't have the gun. He then appeared in the doorway for a moment and I fired again in the direction of the gun. He then disappeared."

Maher ran up to the door, grabbed the gun which was lying near the house and fearing Bill might re-appear to wrestle the gun away from him, threw it into the snow.

Standing watch by the back door with his gun drawn, Connelly could see none of the bloodshed. He heard the gunshots and Baker scream "My God, he shot them!"

Looking through a small window, Connelly could see the shoulder of Bill's red plaid jacket. "This window," he says in his court testimony, "it was very dirty and there was an old tattered curtain hanging right here [pointing to a photo of the house.] I took my revolver and I



Barry Connelly receives a kiss from his wife after receiving an OPP award of valour for overcoming the gunman.

aimed at this shoulder. He was moving back and forth behind this [partition] out of my sight.

"After I fired the shot and he was out of my view I then - this is a glass window - I just walked through the window, broke through the window and as I broke through the window he came around this partition. As he came around I was coming through the window in a semi-crouched position you might say, and my revolver was in my right hand and he saw me as I came through the window.

"I said to him 'Get your hands up on the wall' or words to this effect and he did."

As Connelly led Bill out the front of the house, he saw the bodies of Smith and Chapitis lying in the snow. Smith was still alive and was being held by Maher, who was trying to comfort him and stop the

bleeding with towels that Bill's brother had retrieved from inside the kitchen.

At this point, Bill, his hands handcuffed behind him, was twisting his body as if to try to reach something in front of him. Connelly frisked him again and found a knife under his shirt. "I took this away from him and then made him lay down on the ground so I could keep better control of him."

Minutes later, while still in Maher's arms, Smith stopped breathing. He had never regained consciousness.

"Bill showed no emotion," Connelly remembers. "Smith was dying in Michael's arms and he was completely flat of emotion."

Emotions ran high, however, when the rest of the world learned that two officers had been shot and killed in cold blood. In the weeks following the murders, some police officers asked the local men why they didn't kill Bill.

"You don't have anger and revenge as a police officer. You have a job to do," says Connelly. "[Revenge] isn't the way you live as a human. [If I had shot Bill] then I'd be no different [than a murderer] and I have no excuse because I'm not schizophrenic."

Connelly was one of the officers who took Bill to the mental hospital in Penetanguishene, where Bill would live for decades after being found not guilty by reason of insanity. (By 1968 the death penalty in Canada had been abolished for most murders; Bill, however, had been charged with capital murder because he had killed two police officers.)

Life returned to normal for the police officers. That night in December was the only time Maher fired his gun during his

entire career; he'd take it out of its holster a few times but never had to use it again. As he gets older, he says he thinks about that day more and more.

"It eats you if you let it eat you," he says. "We all had second thoughts but you have to keep it in the back of your mind."

"It made you a better officer in terms of being aware," says Connelly and although he, too, will never forget that night, he didn't let it affect him as he carried on his duties as a police officer.

It wasn't just the anniversary of the officers' deaths and the memorial plaque which have got them thinking again about that night. A few months ago, Bill's brother went to the Minden OPP detachment to let them know that his brother had left the halfway house where he'd been living for the past few years and was last seen in Winnipeg.

"I had a few calls from the police asking if I knew where he might be," he says. "They were concerned he might have hurt himself."

Since then, Bill's brother has learned that Bill, who is now 69 and has severe arthritis, is living in an apartment in Winnipeg.

"He really should be monitored to ensure he's taking his medication and apparently that's happening," his brother told The Times. "Apparently the sickness isn't hurting him or anyone else."

Thirty-five years after that cold night in December, the pain is less acute but the memory remains strong for those who were there and whose lives were affected. At least today there's a reminder for everyone else that two officers died while "serving the citizens of Haliburton County."

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Algonquin Highlands mixes humour with politics

by MARTHA PERKINS
Times staff

At least one of Peter Walford-Davis's prayers have been answered.

Last Tuesday, the retired United Church minister was asked to bless the newly inaugurated Algonquin Highlands council.

Among his requests to God was the plea to infuse the new council with a sense of humour and patience as they take on the many challenges ahead.

It was only a few minutes later that Deputy-reeve Tom Gardner quipped that "I got sworn in today and for the next three years I get sworn at."

And when CAO Gerald Bain remarked that hearing all the councillors say "I Do" and "I will" as they took the oath of office was just "like getting married over all over again," Gardner smiled said "Yes, but it's only for three years."

The sense of humour comes easily to this council, but it will take the next three years to see if Rev. Walford-Davis's other wishes are addressed. He asked God "to give them a new sense of commitment, enthusiasm and understanding," noting that the responsibilities of council are many and onerous. "Give them stamina, determination and a sense of pride."

Reeve Eleanor Harrison said she was more nervous than when she first sat on

Martha Perkins/TIMES



No where else in Haliburton County is there a council led by a majority of women. The new Algonquin Highlands council, which was sworn in last Tuesday, consists of, from left: Seated: Deputy-reeve Tom Gardner, CAO Gerald Bain and Reeve Eleanor Harrison. Standing are councillors Kerry Lock, Jim Hicks and Diane Griffin.

council 16 years ago. She noted that "the provincial government is constantly demanding more and all of those demands come with a heavy pricetag."

Some of the projects ahead include waste management, the septage lagoon – "Whether it's at Pine Springs or not we have to provide the service" – and the proposed new crosswind runway at the Stanhope Airport. For the first time, Harrison publicly announced she was "committed" to the project. The big task will be to convince the province to provide the funding.

She was excited about the plans to turn the Dorset school into seniors housing.

Two new issues will be the spring water on Highway 118, and whether it complies with new provincial legislation, and the end of funding next year for the Haliburton Highlands Water Trails.

All of these projects must be completed

while striving to keep the tax rate as low as possible.

"Lakeshore property owners are taking a hit again with assessment and we have to make sure our tax rate doesn't give them a double whammy. But I'm confident this council is up to the challenge and we have a dedicated staff who are a major part of this team. We will definitely make Algonquin Highlands a great place to play, to work, to live."

Diane Griffin was the only member of council to be elected in November; the others are incumbents who were acclaimed. The former CAO for Sherborne et al said she was "ecstatic" to be on council. She said she had big shoes to fill in replacing Don Shortreed but promised to work hard for the municipality.

"We've accomplished a lot," said Councillor Jim Hicks of his past six years of council. "We have to be grateful to our

staff but we still have a lot to do. Maybe we can put some of these projects to bed [in this term]."

Councillor Kerry Lock said the last term of office was such "a joy" she was enthusiastic about the next three years.

Tom Gardner wondered what it meant to go unchallenged for a seat on council. "Does it mean no one cares or that you've done such a good job that everyone's satisfied? I choose the latter. In general people were quite happy with what we've done and our plans. I'd like to think [the acclamation] is a vote of confidence."

He also is looking forward to his first experience in "the lion's den," a.k.a. county council. In Algonquin Highlands the deputy-reeve is voted in by fellow councillors. In informal discussions after the election, Harrison said councillors agreed that Gardner would serve Algonquin Highlands well at the county.

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Peace and harmony or vigorous debate?

by SHERYL LOUCKS
Times staff

A call for peace and harmony around the Minden Hills council table in the upcoming three years by Deputy-Reeve Jim McMahon was quickly shot down by his fellow councillors.

McMahon's remarks were made during the inauguration of Minden Hills' second council. The new council was piped in by bylaw enforcement officer Fraser MacDonald. Gord Monk gave a brief political history and paid tribute to outgoing councillors Bill Obee and Bill Valentine. Reeve Ross Rigney summarized what the council did in the first three years to establish the newly-amalgamated Minden Hills and his vision of how the next three years should be spent working on long-term planning.

McMahon's comments were cautionary. He said everyone should be treated equally when they come to the table with concerns regardless of what their last name is.

"It is human nature to be spiteful. Three years of harmony would be welcome," says McMahon.

Councillor Clayton Cameron said that he "looks forward to vigorous debate."

Councillor Peter Oyler agreed with McMahon's sentiments by saying the last three years had been a time of tumult but added he believed council had come together and "made it work." He made a sincere thank you to his wife, who he says does invaluable spade work at home.

Councillor Ingram Wessell also commented that the past three years "were a little rough."

"It wasn't a yes council...I hope

Sheryl Loucks/TIMES



The new Minden Hills council is, from left: Councillor Ron Buchanan, Deputy-reeve Jim McMahon, Councillor Clayton Cameron, Reeve Ross Rigney, and Councillors Peter Oyler, Cheryl Murdoch and Ingram Wessell.

it's rough again. I don't like smooth sailing," he grinned.

Wessell also noted there had been a lot of turnover of good staff and they now have an excellent staff.

Councillor Ron Buchanan,

who now sits in Valentine's old chair, says he hopes to be "as wise and mild as Bill." He also made a promise to the reeve to only look forward and promised to represent constituents fairly.

New councillor Cheryl Mur-

doch brought a splash of humour to the table. She says after spending 22 years in education politics, politics is politics.

"I'm a fast learner, hard worker and bring a little less testosterone to the table," she said to cheers.

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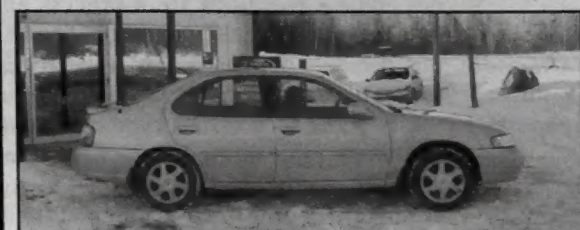
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EDITORIAL COMMENT

'Tis the season to be thankful

As we enjoy the company of family and friends on Christmas Day we seldom give much thought to those who are working to make sure we are safe and secure.

People who work in emergency rooms of the hospitals, paramedics, police officers and, when necessary, members of the local volunteer fire departments are on duty (or on call in the case of the fire departments) throughout Christmas Day. Although we take these services for granted, we are all grateful for the fact that they are available in the event that we, or someone near and dear to us, is in need of the services they provide.

These people are performing their regularly scheduled duties and they don't expect any accolades for their efforts. So, if you happen to get stopped for a RIDE check, don't give the officers a hard time. They are doing us all a favour. If you pass an ambulance on your way to Christmas dinner, wave and smile to let the paramedics know you appreciate them. If you have to make a trip to the emergency department of one of our hospitals, be sure to tell the people who are on duty over the holidays that you appreciate them. And, Heaven forbid you should need the services of the fire department over the holidays. One way you can show your support is to make sure your smoke detector and carbon monoxide detector batteries are fresh. You can also show your support by helping with the toy drive the fire department spearheads (see below).

Support the food banks

Another service we should be aware of, especially at this time of year, is the food bank. While most of us look forward to a day of feasting with family, there are some of our neighbours who aren't as fortunate. Not everyone will dine on turkey this festive season, and not because they wouldn't if they had the opportunity. As we shop for holiday meals, we should remember those who need a helping hand to get through this time of year. It is difficult enough when one needs assistance to put food on the table at any time of year, but Christmas must be an exceptionally difficult time under those circumstances.

Supporting the food banks with donations of non-perishable food items or cash can be a Christmas gift to a family in need.

The OPP is holding the annual Fill A Cruiser Campaign in support of the food banks. Cruisers will be at the Minden IGA from 9 a.m. to noon on Tuesday, December 16 and from noon to 3 p.m. the same day at the Minden Valu-mart. Cruisers will also be at the Haliburton IGA and Valu-mart outlets on December 18 at the same times.

While you are thinking of people in need, don't forget their pets. Donations to the Pet Food Bank are also important animal lovers who consider their pets members of the family.

Toys for kids

The Minden Fire Department is helping Santa make sure all of the youngsters in the area find something under the Christmas tree. The Fire Department went around Minden collecting donations of toys and cash recently. Anyone interested in donating a toy or cash to buy toys can still do so. Call the Minden Fire Department's non-emergency number - 286-1202 - and leave a message if nobody is there to answer. Arrangements will be made for you to drop off your donation or to have it picked up.

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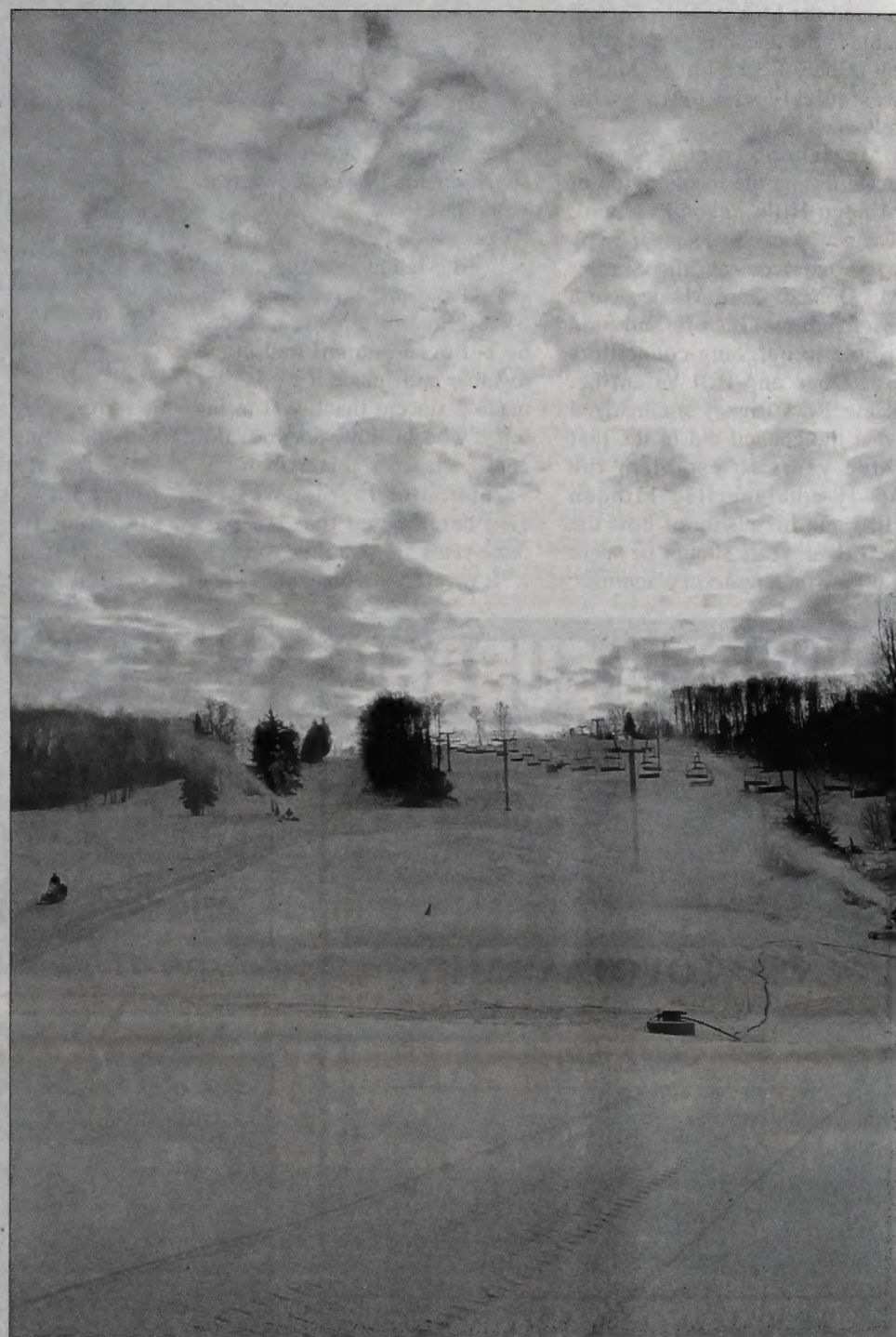
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TO THE EDITOR

Times readers write

Election was efficient

To the Editor:

Despite recent criticism on how the municipal election was carried out in Minden Hills, I'm casting a favorable vote for the efficient, cohesive way our "election by mail" was carried out.

The odd glitch that a small percentage of the population experienced during the process and on election night cannot possibly cast a shadow on the time and money efficient way this election was handled by municipal staff and election officials.

In a perfect world, there would have been no perceived inconveniences, no mistakes and everyone would have voted. But this is the real world, where human expectations go unmet, people and their efforts are unappreciated and re-action—not responsibility—sets in.

I try to err on the side of the positive, give the benefit of the doubt and assist;

not abuse. Elections are a process and involve many people, not just a few. In this person's opinion it was well orchestrated and everyone worked well together.

It is going to take this type of attitude and work ethic to make the next three years productive and successful. If you voted, then you have a voice. Please remember that a responsible, supportive voice has good ears and keeps in mind that municipal staff and elected officials are people; not tools to use and abuse. If you want changes, be willing to get in and volunteer to assist and support.

However, if you don't want to lend a hand, open an ear or didn't vote, then your right to complain because you are a tax-paying citizen is null and void. See you in three years!

Debbie Barnhart
Carnarvon

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IN OTHER WORDS

Columnists and Letters to the Editor

A call to arms

If you follow women's rights issues — as I do by about twenty years — you'll be interested in what's happening in New York City. That's where city councilors have tabled a bill that will force public buildings to set aside more restrooms for women than for men.

The reason? Women take longer to complete their restroom business. The councilors cite the tending of small children, more clothes, and, as one councilwoman put it, an anatomical difference.

They're proposing a 2 to 1 ratio but instead of building new washrooms, they figure on annexing some of ours.

Interesting huh?

Now I'll move on to guy talk — stuff that would bore women silly. Heck, if I were a woman, I wouldn't even bother reading any further. We're going to discuss transmissions, sports stats and the greatest belches of all time. It's not worth feminine consideration. So pass this along to the man in your life, they might find it interesting. Maybe.

Okay men, now that we've lost the women readers, listen up! We're losing

the war! It's time to regroup.

Don't you see what's happening? Women are being rewarded just because they take longer in washrooms. That's a dangerous precedent. Mark my words, if they win this battle, the next thing you know they'll be making TV remotes custom-sized to a woman's hand just because they can't decide what decorating show to watch. After that, it's all over but the crying! We'll have to run like mascara at a wedding.

Consider this. If they get more restrooms, they'll become more comfortable. If they become more comfortable, they'll take longer.

If they take longer, they'll get more restrooms. See? It's a diabolical plot. Soon they'll want the same consideration at home. We'll have nowhere to go — literally.

And where do you think that those new

washrooms are going? I'll tell you where. Right in the space you reserved for that workshop you always wanted. Remember the one with the power tools, compressors, pool table and hot rod calendars? Yeah, that's the one. Slip up and there'll be a bidet where the shop vac was supposed to be.

Yes, the thin edge of the wedge is jammed in the washroom door. They've already got a TV station devoted to home improvement. What's next, the Furniture Moving Channel? Trust me, we gotta move fast.

Here's what we do. Louie and Frank, I want you to infiltrate a woman's washroom and try not to get arrested this

time.

Find out what really goes on in there. Why do they go in two at a time? Are the seats bolted down? Do they have a better brand of two-ply? It's all vital intelli-



BEYOND 35

Steve Galea

The rise of the Yobs

Earlier this year, the American magician David Blaine spent 44 days suspended in a see-through plastic cube over London's Tower Bridge. I was amazed when I read about it, but not by the feat itself. London, after all, is a huge, cosmopolitan metropolis with more than its share of oversized exploits and freaky feats of derring-do. Why, I once saw a man parasail off the cupola of St. Paul's Cathedral, myself.

No, what amazed me was the behaviour of the crowds that gathered underneath David Blaine's Plexiglas cocoon. They were frighteningly hostile. Some of them played loud music on boom boxes to prevent Blaine from sleeping. Others tried their best to shine red laser lights in his eyes. The less inventive mob members merely jeered him and mooned him and threw eggs or beer cans at the American suspended over their heads.

That's what amazed me. When I read that I said to myself: "People can carry beer cans in public in London?" That's a far cry from the orderly, structured London I remember — but then the London I knew existed nearly forty years ago, back in the heyday of The Beatles and Carnaby Street.

Which is to say, Pre-Yob mobs.

'Yob' is a British word, as is the phenomenon — young, unemployed, semi-literate white males dedicated to binge drinking, public lewdness and smashing as many people and things as they possibly can en masse. We don't have an exact equivalent in Canada, although the biker goons in Montreal and the 'swarming' incidents in Toronto and Victoria could signal early attempts at transatlantic cross-pollination.

Ah, but the Brits are 'way ahead of us on this one. Recently, British local police precincts received 66,000 complaints about hooliganism — everything from broken windows to street brawls to terrorized commuters on trashed traincars.

That's 66,000 complaints — in one day. Which translates into about 16 million 'low level' offences per year, carrying an estimated price tag of \$3.5 billion to clean up after.

What's especially alarming is that

British yobism appears to be viral. It used to be confined to soccer hooligans who

followed their favourite teams, drank themselves into a stupor and beat the living hell out of anyone who wore the colours of the other team. But it's no longer just soccer thugs, it's almost an entire generation of Brits who seem to be bent on displaying the most swinish behaviour they can devise.

And not just at home. The Departments of Tourism of Greece and Spain have been so outraged at the disgusting behaviour of vacationing yobs that they've lodged official complaints with the British government.

Hard to believe for those of us who knew a different Britain. I remember attending an anti-Vietnam War rally in Trafalgar Square back in the '60's.

Some speaker was ranting, inciting the crowd to 'take back the streets' and you could feel a current running through the crowd. Something was going to happen. Something was going to burst like a pent-up dam and we were all going to be swept

along with it whether we wanted to be or not.

And holding back all this violent energy? A lone British constable — a bobby, maybe 25 years old, of average height and build. He was utterly unarmed and apparently unconcerned. He stood in front of us, facing the speaker with his arms crossed behind his back, Prince Phillip style.

The crowd was twitching now, almost undulating like a vast malevolent amoeba. Someone brushed against the bobby's back, he whirled around. Here it comes, I thought to myself and braced my legs.

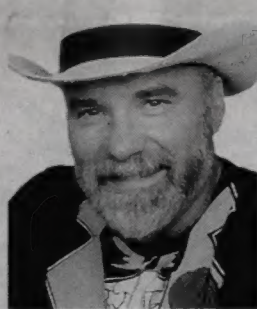
"Right, then lydies and gentlemen" said the bobby calmly, "If you would be so kind as to move back five paces, we'll 'ave room enough for all."

No threats, no bluff, no brandishing of truncheons or sidearms. Just a calm and irresistible appeal to reason.

And we all did step back five paces, obediently, like some giant, domesticated pachyderm.

The demonstration went on as planned. Everyone had their say and no one's skull was cracked.

It was just as the bobby had said: there was room enough for all.



ARTHUR BLACK

Columnist

These are exciting times in local politics

To the Editor:

Just as Sheila Redpath's letter states, we are probably in for three very interesting years in Minden Hills.

Your excellent coverage of Warden Rigney's banquet points out that our C.E.O. must be heading for Saturday Night Live rather than our new municipal building (if we get one).

After reading S. J. Saville's letter, if I were Bill Obee, I would be demanding a recount.

Gordon Monk's letter points out that Clayton Cameron was totally aware of day meetings when he ran for council. He was fully in favour of day meetings with all

staff available when he worked for Minden Hills.

I have been a member of many local councils. Reeve Rigney deserves much credit for his endless patience with both council members and ratepayers. He deserves another term, or more, as reeve.

Finally, your editorial is bang on. Once winter sports were helping the local economy tremendously. Cutting off our trails would be suicide.

Keep up the excitement!

Bill Valentine
Moore Falls

Snow piles on sidewalk a hazard the municipality should clear away

To the Editor:

I have to say this in the hopes it will make things easier this season for those of us who walk everywhere. It has snowed two or three times so far, all

on the weekend of the 28th, 29th and 30th. Now after those three days of snow the ice built up on the sidewalk and the snow plows put the snow from the road onto the sidewalk and it just got plowed on the 4th.

Yes I know that there is nowhere else to put the snow from the road but I also

believe for those of us who walk everywhere the sidewalks should be done as quickly as the roads. Last year loads of people who walk around Minden had to walk on the road because of the ice and snow that was left instead of getting cleared. It is safer for the people who walk to walk on the sidewalk than on the road.

I hope for the sake of people's safety, the township will pay attention to this and keeps the sidewalks clear more frequently this year.

Kim Mason
Minden

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MORE LETTERS

Times readers write



ASES Grade 8 students from 8a take a deep breath before plunging back into the bowl of chocolate pudding during the great pudding race at the school's magazine assembly.

Magazine mayhem hits ASES



Connor Duhaime is front and centre with his CD/telephone prize as the most successful magazine salesperson, selling 47 magazine subscriptions. It was his second year in a row winning. Ryan Kerr, left, earned second while Jeff Fennell sold 31 magazines for third.



During the Grade 8b class' marshmallow mayhem a student pauses to breath before her fellow classmates resume their feeding at the annual ASES magazine assembly.



Magazine winner Connor Duhaime smiles during the one time he gets to put a chocolate cream pie in the face of Archie Stouffer Elementary School Principal Rick Thorne at the annual Magazine Assembly. The school helped to raise more than \$30,000, the most ever for the school.



The split Grade 5a/6a class follow their teacher's direction showing their attitude with a bit of swagger on the stage at the annual magazine assembly.

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Darren Lum/TIMES

HHSS volleyball player Debbie Ray slides, digging up a drop shot against the Holy Trinity Bears.

Red Hawks dig deep but come up short in volleyball tourney

The Red Hawks came up short in two of their matches played at home last week when Haliburton Highlands Secondary School hosted a senior girls volleyball tournament. In the opening match against the I.E. Weldon Wildcats the Red Hawks were edged out 19 - 25. The second game with the Wildcats wasn't as close as HHSS fell 25-10.

Following this loss the Red Hawks played the Trinity Bears in a match where the majority of points were hard fought. A few mental lapses late in the match resulted in serving miscues, but for the most part the rallies consisted of well set balls for powerful deep spikes and spectacular digs. The Red Hawks came up short in both games 17-25 and 17-25.



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HHSS volleyball player Kathryn Berube pauses before her serve before she strung together three successfully made serves that her teammates were able to convert for three points against the Holy Trinity Bears.

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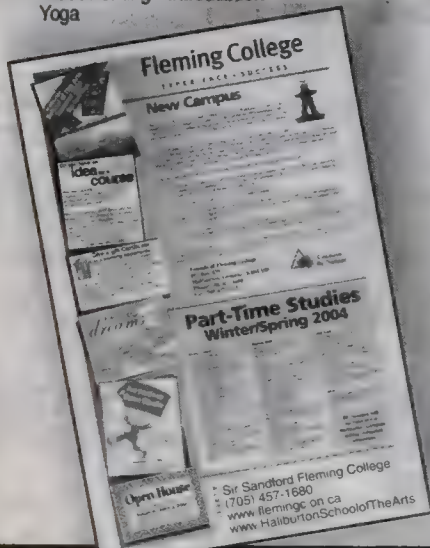
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Blake Paton

year! Skiing has already begun!

The winter storm of November 28th dumped just enough snow to create a base, and we were blessed by the weather gods with a good combination of weather to help it solidify into a skiable base. The result: the 1.5km lit loop at Glebe Park was ready on the 29th of November—a new record!

This is not just happy coincidence, either. It has taken a concentrated effort of many years to create smooth trail that is ready to be skied with minimal snow. The ski community began working toward this goal years ago when it seemed like global warming might wreak havoc with our sport.

In addition, one consequence of global warming has been an increase in lake-effect snow throughout December, a side-effect observed by climatologists. This is, therefore, the second consecutive year when skiing has begun by December first.

This year people can get on snow early, and that means that competitive skiers can begin their training year earlier. Good luck to the young athletes who are part of the HHSS ski team! Vancouver is hosting the winter Olympics in 2010, will any of you be representing Canada? Dream big!

There is a ski-life before and after peak competitive years. The Haliburton Ski Club offers Jackrabbit learn-to-ski lessons, junior racing programs and senior social ski outings.

Best of all, the club has committed itself to making sure that everyone who wants to ski can do so. It offers an economical season's pass, low-cost equipment rentals for kids, and it arrange for volunteer work for anyone who wishes to ski but can't afford the price of a membership—because no one should go through life without skiing.

If you need more information visit <http://www.skihaliburton.8m.com> or call 457-5177. Meanwhile, renew your membership because it looks like you'll need it!

Well, it is time again to get on board the ski club express. Destination: a great winter!

Often at this time of year we are wondering when we will start skiing; not this

Time to get ready for fun at Sir Sams

While the rest of the world was enjoying the summer and boating and fun in the sun, the Bishop family was working to make sure that the coming ski season at Sir Sams Ski Area will be the best ever. At their annual Thanksgiving open house, guests were able to ride the chair to see the Fall colours from the top of the hill, enjoy beautiful weather, and see the new addition. There is a huge new deck where skiers can relax and watch the hills while enjoying lunch or a break.

The Ski School has a new home next to a new canteen on the ground level where skiers can enjoy a morning beverage or snack. There's new carpet everywhere, more equipment lockers for members, and a home of their own for the Track III program. This program has been offered at Sir Sam's for three years and allows skiers

with physical or cognitive challenges the chance to experience skiing. Track III has volunteer instructors and special equipment available. For more information, contact Teresa Deuzeman at 905 372-0905 or David Turney at 705 754-3380.

The Ski Patrol Room has also received a facelift. With new flooring and freshly painted walls, not to mention more rescue equipment, this group of volunteers is preparing for another season of safe and fun skiing. For information about joining the patrol next season, contact Patrol Leader Ross Pawson at 705 489-3802.

Sir Sam's plans to be open on Saturday, December 13 with weekend skiing until December 20, then open daily for two weeks over Christmas. For information about skiing at Sir Sam's, call 705 754-2298.

The Red Hawks hockey team rekindles old Flames

HHSS forward Matt Roberts helped lead the way with a game winner early in the second period over the Campbellford Flames in last week's Red Hawk hockey action.

In a rematch of the Red Hawks' home opener a few weeks ago the Flames were seeking vengeance.

The Flames struck first with a goal at the 9:11 mark in the first period. Red Hawks forward Sean Keaney scored the equalizer with 3:29 left in the first period and was assisted by Kevin Walker and

Aaron Keaney.

Only minutes into the second period Red Hawk centreman Roberts scored on a power play, the eventual game winner, from forwards Keaney and Walker.

Late in the second and third period Roberts and Josh Fick added insurance markers to seal victory, 4-1.

Kevin Walker had three assists.

With recent snow storms cancelling their previous two games the Red Hawks remain undefeated.

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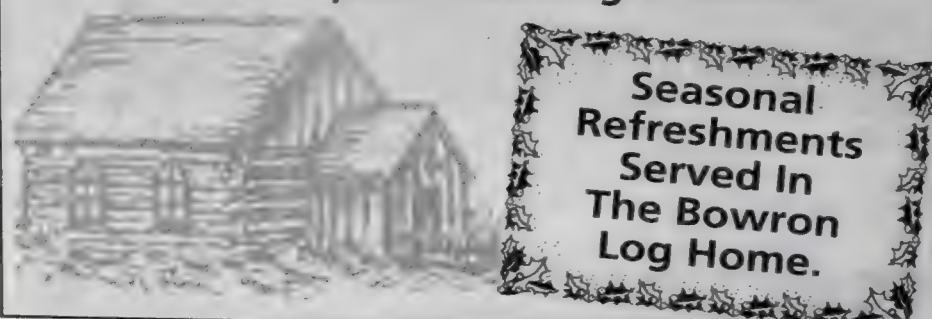
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Locals dominate shooting championships

Local residents and founders of the MilCun Marksmanship Complex, on Iron Mine Road just north of Kinmount, won several major shooting competitions in 2003. Linda Miller and Keith Cunningham, using rifles built by MilCun, won almost every match they entered this year.

The Ontario Rifle Association (ORA) sponsors rifle matches throughout the summer at a variety of ranges in Ontario. The first match of the shooting season, held at CFB Borden during the first weekend in May, is a Service Rifle event. It includes deliberate fire, snap and rapid fire events and run-downs at distances of 100 to 500 meters. Miller won several of the individual events and Cunningham won the overall match.

The second Service Rifle match was held at Connaught Ranges, Ottawa in July. The results of this match were a repeat of the first one with Miller winning several individual matches and Cunningham winning the overall match.

The Ontario Service Rifle Championships were held in September at CFB Borden. Here the results were a little different. Although Miller still won several of the individual events, Cunningham had to settle for a silver medal finish.

For the first time this year the ORA held a 3-Gun Match. This involves four of the Service Rifle matches fired from 300 yards, three of the Precision/Sniper Rifle Matches (the 400 yard moving targets, 500 yard snap and 600 yard deliberate fire events) and a series of pistol matches from 15 to 35 yards. The local pair put in a strong performance during the 600-yard deliberate fire match. With Miller calling the wind and Cunningham shooting, they were able to hit



Keith Cunningham and Linda Miller with trophies won this year

a playing card sized X-ring nine times for a near perfect score of 50-9X out of a possible score of 50-10X. Overall, Cunningham won the individual events and Miller was second. They won the team event with a lead of 144 points over the next team.

The national level of these events is sponsored by the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association (DCRA) and is held each year at Connaught Ranges, Ottawa. Here Cunningham and Miller won the Individual Precision/Sniper Rifle matches. The pair

also won the Agony Snap Match, a 300 meter event where a target is exposed ten times for three seconds over ten minutes. They also won the Moving Target Match, which involves targets moving at a walking pace at a range of 400 meters.

In Target Rifle you shoot a rifle in caliber .308 Winchester (155 grain bullet), off your elbows with a sling and using adjustable iron sights at distances of 300-900 meters. The ORA held its 122nd Annual Provincial Championships at CFB Borden. *The Times*

reported when Miller won these matches and became the first woman to do so. This year it was Cunningham's turn to win, taking nine gold, two silver and one bronze. Miller won the top female award and was a member of the winning four-person team (the team name was "The Minden Mercenaries").

In the fight for the Lt. Governor's match, Cunningham was in first place by a mere 4 Vs going into the final stage - 15 shots at 1000 yards. He shot 74-6V out of a possible of 75-15V, to win this prestigious match by two points. Once the winner was announced he was chaired off the range by teammates in the traditional sedan chair. This was his third win, having won in 1991 and 1995.

Miller was in 10th place going into the Lt. Governor's final, and she improved her score to finish in 6th place.

Within four days they were off to the Nationals held at Connaught Ranges, Ottawa, where they continued their winning ways. These annual matches are held by the DCRA and involve seven days of competition. This year both Miller and Cunningham shot only in the Target Rifle events. Keith won five gold, one silver and one bronze. Linda took a silver medal in the Long Range Challenge. This is a grueling match consisting of 60 shots fired at 900 meters. She also teamed up with another female shooter from Ontario to compete in the Ladies Pairs, winning this event.

As a two-person team, Miller and Cunningham entered in the Family Team events where they won by 10 points over the nearest team. This trend extended into the Champion Pairs team matches where they won by 11 points.

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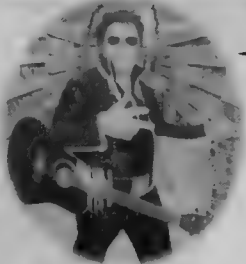
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Bowling scores around the county

Carnarvon bowling

Tuesday Afternoon League

Played Friday Nov. 28 due to weather Nov. 4
 High average: Ken Thompson 214; Lillian Mattsson 183
 High single: Jim Finlay 243; Lillian Mattsson 276
 High single (handicap) Jim Finlay 282; Lillian Mattsson 310
 High triple: Ken Thompson 670; Joan Ayres 602
 High triple (handicap): Ken Thompson 697; Joan Ayres 767

Tuesday Afternoon League

December 2
 High average: Ken Thompson 216; Lillian Mattsson 179
 High single: Ken Thompson 298; Mable Glendenning 203
 High single (handicap): Ken Thompson 307; Mable Glendenning 265
 High triple: Ken Thompson 711; Mable Glendenning 563
 High triple (handicap): Ken Thompson 738; Mable

Glendenning 747

Wednesday Afternoon League

December 3
 High average: Ken Thompson 211; Carol Snow 165
 High single: John Whitty 274; Solveg Stout 223
 High single (handicap) John Whitty 300; Solveg Stout 274
 High triple: John Whitty 638; Solveg Stout 545
 High triple (handicap): John Whitty 716; Solveg Stout 698

Thursday Afternoon League

December 4
 High average: Alf Briscoe 249; Josie Cheesman 167
 High single: Alf Briscoe 277; Joyce Chilton 207
 High single (handicap) Alf Briscoe 305; Joyce Chilton 277
 High triple: Alf Briscoe 748; Josie Cheesman 501
 High triple (handicap): Alf Briscoe 832; Betty Lockhart 702

Minden Bowling Centre

636 mixed, Dec. 1

High average: Bob Vankoughnet 191
 High single: Bob Vankoughnet 239
 High triple: Tom Foster 586
 High single (handicap): John Ritchie 275
 High triple (handicap): Milton Fletcher 742

High Average: Leitha Stearns 149
 High single: Flo Roussel 173
 High triple: Leitha Stearns 469
 High single (handicap): Flo Roussel 243
 High triple (handicap): Doreen Francis 681
 Team Matches: Happy Gang def Sure Shots, Ink Spots def Gutter Groupies, Low Rollers def. Miss and Hit

Campers fined after garbage left at Raven Lake

Campers have been fined a total of \$1,750 after pleading guilty to leaving garbage and camping gear on Crown land.

Michael Irlam, 25, of Oakville, Michel St. Cyr, 27, Jacob McFarling, 26, and Joel Proulx, 28, all of Barrie were each fined \$250. St. Cyr was fined an additional \$500 for traveling on a closed road.

Court heard that the group left garbage on a Crown land campsite at Raven Lake, Sherborne Township, Haliburton Ccounty after a weekend of camping on September 13 and 14. A chain had been cut from a locked gate that restricted motorized vehicles from this area.

In a second case, court heard that a Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) Conservation Officer received a complaint from the public about camping gear and litter being left on a Crown land island on Bentshoe Lake, Hindon Township, last August. Gheorghe Hristu, 58, of Scarborough, who had been camping on the island, was fined \$250.

Justice of the Peace D. Jackson heard these cases in the Ontario Court of Justice in Minden on December 4, 2003.

Two anglers net \$1,500 in fines

Two Mississauga men have received fines totaling \$1,500. for catching more fish than allowed.

Court heard that last July 20, a Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) Conservation Officer checked two anglers at Head Lake, Laxton Township, City of Kawartha Lakes. The men had packed 14 smallmouth bass in a cooler, eight fish over the legal limit.

Joao P. Monteiro, 74 was fined \$1,200. He also forfeited the bass and his fishing gear.

Antonio Madruga, 64, was fined \$200. plus another \$100. for angling without a licence.

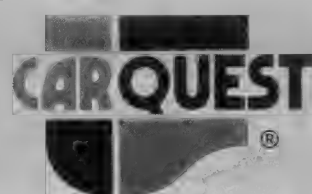
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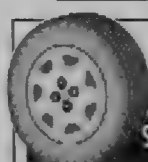
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The YWCA Women's Resource Centre, at Halco plaza in Haliburton announces some staff changes:

- The Women's Counselling & Well-Being Program wishes Pat Brown, Clinical Therapist, a reluctant farewell. Pat will be retiring in the New year and venturing on to pursue her interests in art.
- Welcomes to Joelle is an Art Therapist having worked with abused women & their families.
- We also bid a farewell to Lesley English, Program Leader for our Peaceful Schools program. Lesley offered anti-bullying programs in the schools which will continue in the New Year.

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New contract might mean lower wages for landfill staff

by MARTHA PERKINS
Times staff

The following are brief reports of items discussed at Thursday's Algonquin Highlands council meeting.

Although it's concerned that current employees will quit because of a potential reduction in wages, council decided to accept the lowest bid it received for management of its landfill sites.

Watson General Contracting was awarded the tender with its bid of \$74,235 a year or \$11.25 an hour.

The current contractor, Securitas, had a bid of \$86,179 or \$13.06 an hour. In between was a bid from Sawmill Creek Outdoor Services (\$79,184); the highest bid was from Muskoka Environmental (\$122,669).

A committee of council met with the companies which submitted bids to go over the terms of reference.

Councillor Jim Hicks, who was on the committee, said "We had a really good discussion with Watson Contracting as to what our expectations were and it seemed they'll do a good job for us."

However, Public Works Superintendent Brian Whetstone said that if Watson's bid was accepted, "Some employees have said they won't work for such low wages."

"The staff we have now are good," said Reeve Eleanor Harrison. However, having opened the contract up for tender the municipality had to follow protocol and accept the lowest bid.

Power outages

After a snow plow ran low of fuel in the Dorset area and was unable to fill up because the power was out, council will consider whether it should buy a generator.

Yet there was also a feeling that the incident was a "fluke" and that another alternative can be found if it happens again.

The plow had been on the road all day Saturday and needed fuel before it could continue. However, gas was not available because of a lengthy power outage.

"It seems that all you have to do is say Hydro out loud and it goes off," Harrison said. "Outages seem to be more

Martha Perkins/TIMES



CAO Gerald Bain hands Reeve Eleanor Harrison her gavel at the inaugural meeting. He said the gavel was like insurance - you hope you never have to use it but you're glad it's there.

frequent and lengthier."

Whetstone said that if it had been an emergency and the truck needed to be on the roads, a way would have been found to get gas to the plow.

Privy council

Negotiations are continuing with the Raven Lake ratepayers association in regards to building a vault out-house at the landing next to Hwy. 35.

The association's main concern is that once installed the privy will be properly maintained by some level of government.

Haliburton Highlands Water Trails is proposing to build the privy but its provincial funding runs out this year; responsibility for the committee, which oversees the land use permit for the Frost Centre's extensive canoe routes, may fall to the municipality. That means the municipality may soon be responsible for maintenance costs.

Reeve Eleanor Harrison said the proposed site is ideal. It's an access point for 150 cottagers, and is next to both a highly travelled canoe route and highway. She understood the association's concerns and said the municipality will be lobbying other governments, including the province and Lake of Bays, to assist with the costs.

There was also discussion about what can be done to deal with problems caused by people throwing garbage in the privy.

High speed

Council will allow Candlelight Communications to put a transmitter on the Dorset Tower to allow it to expand its high speed internet service.

The business was able to allay council's fears about the loading impact and safety.

"If we interfere [with other communications providers such as radio transmitters for the roads trucks and 911] we're willing to be turned off," said George Morris. "We're the low end of the totem pole; we're not allowed to interfere with anyone else."

"I'm very comfortable with whatever is the right thing to do is the right thing to do," he said in regards to installation and maintenance concerns.

In return for allowing the company to use the tower, the municipality will get a free service for its offices in Dorset and Stanhope.

"It sound like a good deal and it sounds like a lot of people will benefit from it," said Hicks.

A detailed lease agreement will be developed.

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Council yet to discuss bids

from page 1

was a vocal critic of the plan during her successful run for Minden Hills' councillor-at-large in the recent election.

Re-elected reeve Ross Rigney has also stated publicly that he opposes building a new municipal office on the curling club's parking lot.

The four building tenders are as follows, from lowest to highest: Quinan Construction Ltd. - 65 (Orillia), \$1.527 million; Michael Monteith Ent. Ltd. (Orillia), \$1,568,870; R. & G. Construction (Huntsville), \$1,661,173; and MVW Construction (Lindsay), \$1.95 million.

Michael Monteith Ent. Ltd. also tendered during the first round of tenders, [and lowered its bid from the first time by \$81,000.]

Pilot school to take over old house next to airport

by MARTHA PERKINS
Times staff

The following are brief reports of airport-related items discussed by Algonquin Highlands council on Thursday.

First Class Training will have a new base of operations. It will be renting the old house next to the runway from the municipality.

Monies spent by the business on labour for renovating the building will be deducted from the rent, with council providing the estimated \$13,000 in supplies.

"It's important that someone be in the house," Harrison said of the empty building. She advocated paying for the renovation supplies because the building cannot

be occupied without them.

"We couldn't advertise it for rent the way it is; it's costing us money just to sit there. It's got to be done one way or another."

The pilot training school hopes to be occupying the building by February. There will be an office downstairs and the three upstairs rooms will be kept as bedrooms to accommodate students.

"They want to bring in foreign students so that would put us on the map in another way," Airport Manager John Packer said.

Council will ask for \$600 a month in rent plus hydro and heating fuel.

Sisson house

Meanwhile, the municipality is developing a business prospectus for the former Sisson house it owns on Green Lake Road. Packer said there have already been five expressions of interest in the property, which sits at the end of the proposed crosswind airport.

Packer sees it as an ideal business opportunity for someone who wants to take advantage of its proximity to the airport.

The house is currently zoned residential and while it is owned by Algonquin Highlands it's located in Dysart et al. Any rezoning application would have to go through Dysart.

Councillor Diane Griffin asked if there were any protections in place to respect the building's historic features. It was

built in 1913 by Clair Henry Sisson and has a wrap-around porch, hardwood floors, an oak staircase and tin ceilings.

Gardner said council could put some covenants in the deed but there are very few controls. Packer said one couple who looked at the house said they would tear it down if they bought the property.

Proposed uses of the building could be considered in the bids council receives for the house.

Packer will seek quotes to have the building appraised.

Military exercises

The Canadian pilots who used the Stanhope Airport as a base for night-flying training exercises were pleased with the facility.

"They were very enthusiastic about our little airport," says Packer.

He went out on one of the night missions wearing night-vision goggles that cost \$100,000.

"It's really quite something to sit in a helicopter where you could see nothing but the dashboard and then put on this equipment and see everything," he said.

There were three calls of complaint the first time the pilots were here and one the following time.

"I did get a lot of positive feedback," Packer said.

A third session is tentatively planned for February and the Armed Forces are considering bringing a squadron to the airport for ground training.

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History comes to life

Local weaver Jean Farrell adds a bit of the old ways as she spins textiles in the newly built addition at the Sunny Rock B&B during the Heritage Tour of Haliburton Highlands Bed and Breakfasts in late November. Snowy weather put the brakes on attendance levels at this year's event.

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Dorset school to become seniors housing

by MATTHEW WALLS
Times staff

The Dorset Public School will be refitted into an apartment complex for seniors.

At a public meeting on Nov. 17, the Algonquin Development Committee received a unanimous vote from the audience of 50 to seek funding for the housing project, says Chairperson Jan McDonald.

One double bedroom and six single bedroom apartments will be built in the school, each with a kitchen, a bathroom and a screened-in porch. A central laundry and a social room will be for communal use.

The 600 sq. ft. apartments will rent for approximately \$650 a month, including heat, hydro and parking, McDonald says.

The apartments are intended for "active seniors for independent living." The committee initially received 30 responses from local seniors, and since then from seniors across the county and even California.

The committee will have a board of directors establish criterion for residence, with [priority] going to locals.

"We hope the needs of our community can be met first; that's the whole point of this," said McDonald.

The committee is negotiating the purchase of the school from the Trillium

Board of Education, which has leased it to Algonquin Highlands Township for the past year.

McDonald said the cost to buy the school and renovate it is likely \$500,000.

The committee hopes to get government grants, but will turn to "anyone else" if need be, McDonald says.

The Haliburton County Development Corporation, Muskoka's Community Futures, the councils of Algonquin Highlands and Lake of Bays, the Lions Club, local churches and two seniors' organizations funded the committee's feasibility study and housing surveys.

McDonald said the committee hopes to begin renovations towards the end of 2004, and open it by mid-2005.

The Algonquin Development Committee is a subcommittee of the Algonquin Highlands Special Project Committee, a committee of the Algonquin Highlands council.

Once the ADC receives funding for the project, the committee will be incorporated as the Algonquin Development Corporation.

The ADC plans to hold another community meeting next spring.



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Men fined after dead moose abandoned

Four men have been convicted of various hunting violations and fined a total of \$5,750 after an adult cow moose was found shot and decomposing during this fall's moose hunt.

Court heard that Mark Lethbridge, 47, of Janetville, admitted to shooting the cow moose after mistaking it for a bull moose. The animal was then abandoned at the kill site in Hindon Township.

Lethbridge pleaded guilty to unlawfully hunting a cow moose contrary to The Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act. He received a \$1,500 fine and had his hunting licence suspended for one year.

During the investigation by the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR), other members of Lethbridge's hunting party made false statements to a MNR conservation officer. Paul Lethbridge, 48, of Janetville, Brian McMillan, 50, of Richmond Hill and Richard Warren, 46, of Janetville,

were each fined \$750. In addition, all four men were fined \$500 each for allowing suitable flesh to spoil.

Shooting Elk

Shooting two elk during the recent deer hunt has cost a Maple man \$2,500.

Antonio Vacca, 55, pleaded guilty to unlawfully hunting elk contrary to The Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act and was fined \$500. In addition to the fine, Vacca made a voluntary \$2,000 donation to the Bancroft/North Hastings Elk Restoration Committee.

Court heard Vacca had been deer hunting on November 10 in Cashel Township. He shot what he believed was a doe and fawn white-tailed deer. Unfortunately, it was a cow and calf elk. Vacca immediately turned himself in to the Ministry of Natural Resources.

Ingoldsby Pioneer Cemetery

This year, 2003, marks a milestone in the history of the Ingoldsby Pioneer Cemetery. For 140 years this cemetery has been administered by a **Trustee Board of Volunteers**, including all the work entailed in such an endeavor.

It would seem that volunteers with sufficient time, energy, and interest, are in short supply, and more particularly, for the task of Secretary/Treasurer/Manager. If the occasion arises when a Board of Trustees of a cemetery can no longer function, it behooves the Township/Municipality in which the cemetery is situate to assume ownership and administration of such cemetery.

The current voluntary Board of Trustees has unanimously decided that if a **volunteer** for the position of Secretary/Treasurer/Manager cannot be found, that we should approach the Township of Minden Hills with a view to said Township assuming ownership and management of the Pioneer Cemetery at Ingoldsby, situate in Part Lot 20, Concession 2, Minden Township, County of Haliburton. An advertised meeting of plot holders of Ingoldsby Pioneer Cemetery, held in the United Church in Ingoldsby, on August 10th 2003, concurred with the decision of the Trustees, with the proviso that the Board continue to search for a voluntary Secretary/Treasurer/Manager. Failing this, the Board would relinquish ownership and management as early as is possible in the year 2004.

In the interim, requests for information, advice or cemetery lots will be accepted and responded to by:

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Province supplying fast internet to Health Services

To the Editor:

The Haliburton Highlands Health Services has been, and still is, a strong partner in the Connect Ontario initiative with the County of Haliburton, and continue to support the project, in principle. Bringing broadband technology to the county is very important for businesses in the community, as well as some publicly funded institutions.

Having said that, we would like to correct an error in the article from page 15 of *The Times* which states that HHHS "pulled out of the partnership, saying it didn't have the money." The provincial government is supplying all hospitals in Ontario, including HHHS, with Smart Systems for Health (SSH) providing the same capabilities as Connect Haliburton, but at no cost to the HHHS. Smart Systems for Health is compatible with Ministry of Health reporting requirements.

The Board of Directors of HHHS cannot justify spending \$137,000 of public funds for I.T. connections that has already been provided to the hospitals at no charge. We must be fiscally responsible, and duplicating I.T. services, even for a good cause, is not warranted

Dr. Richard Charron
Board Chair
Haliburton Highlands Health Services

Hydro lines need clearing

To the Editor:

I have a solution to at least some of our hydro outage problems. Why don't we hire or use municipal employees to clear-cut all trees that are within reach of the hydro wires throughout the province?

I understand there is a cost to this, but it would at least alleviate the hydro problems due to trees falling on the hydro lines, cutting power to many homes and industries. It would also create employment in each community, and it should become an ongoing priority, in order to prevent future outages due to trees falling on hydro lines.

There are many areas in my community that show, clearly, that hydro lines are not only in the bush, but the trees are clearly leaning on the hydro lines in some cases.

This is something we should consider. Somehow, I'm sure we can find the money to do this. Logging firms could make a profit from removing these trees, and there could also be a spin-off of selling some for firewood.

Jim Callaghan
RR#3 Minden

County-wide broadband project needs support

To the Editor:

The County of Haliburton and its partners are submitting a business plan to apply for funding assistance from the Broadband for Rural and Northern Development (BRAND) Pilot Program to fill those high speed Connectivity gaps in Haliburton.

To really improve Haliburton's chances, we need letters from organizations, businesses or residents in Haliburton County that will benefit directly or indirectly from the program. The letters must be original.

Some of the points to address in a letter of support:

- The project is being championed by The County of Haliburton.
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A coffee house of dreams

by SHERYL LOUCKS
Times Staff

Every Who down in Whoville, the tall and the small will stand close together...they'll stand hand in hand and those Whos will start singing."

Carnarvon may as well have been Whoville last Saturday night as people packed the new Lounge Cafe during an incredible show of community.

Husband and wife team of Claudette Pitre and Mark Christiano were forced to stop holding a popular concert series and

open mike nights in their Hair Lounge (in conjunction with the Haliburton County Folk Society) due to insurance company dictates. They decided the way to solve the dilemma was to open a new coffee house to accommodate having a stage. Pitre insists the building, which was once a general store, has "always been a coffee house, it just didn't know it."

She added that having a coffee house "just happens" to be a life-long dream of hers. She is serving only organic fair trade coffee and the beans are hand roasted by the Midnight Sun Coffee Company in Whitehorse, where Katya McQueen's sis-



Katya McQueen makes fresh squeezed juices of unexpected varieties.



Claudette Pitre had a trial by fire learning experience on her espresso machine during the opening of her new Lounge Cafe.

ter works. Some of her plans are to also offer different food events like a vegetarian sushi evening.

It would appear this building was destined to house many dreams. Katya McQueen says when Pitre started telling her about plans for the coffee house she laughed and said "I share your dream." McQueen has dreamed of running her own juice bar ever since working in one of Toronto's first juice bars several years ago. She is now sub-contracting the juice bar at the Lounge Cafe.

"I love giving people something fresh and good for them. I love the fact there are no rules about juice. If you're inventive enough you can do anything," says McQueen.

McQueen says the delicious cakes, cookies and treats served are made by a "shy chef" who has also been dreaming of expanding her business and will be continuing to supply the cafe.

Pitre's husband, who has his own band the Ya Babys, dreamed of having a stage for people to play on that looked like a front porch. The Folk Society dreamed of having a home after bouncing around to several different venues over the last few years. Katya's husband Steve McQueen helped those dreams come true by renovating the part of the building that used to be the Hair Lounge into the coffee house complete with a stage that Christiano

describes as "cabin front porch meets Beetle Juice."

The Hair Lounge has moved over to where the Trinity Centre used to be, with the exception of one treatment room. The Wellness Store has moved in to the main room housing the Lounge Cafe giving the building back a store just as it started out being 126 years ago.

The business partners Pitre, McQueen and Christiano say they have been blown away by the community support for this venture. People donated the gorgeous wood for the coffee/juice bar, artists donated works for the wall, trades people donated their skills and professional sound and lighting technicians from the city have also come up to help set-up the cafe's stage. There were hugs and well wishes from everyone who came through the door Saturday night. Smiles and cheers all night indicated the cafe is a huge success.

"There was so much energy, it was fantastic," says McQueen. "The support is overwhelming. There were people here from Bracebridge, Oshawa, all over the county."

"It was magical. I think what we really learned during our first night is how lucky we are to live in a community like this," says Pitre.

The two women are waiting for proper

see CARNARVON page 22



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Claudette Pitre and Katya McQueen have founded not only a new business the Lounge Cafe in Carnarvon but a new friendship.



Carnarvon now at hotbed for folk enthusiasts

from page 21

juice and coffee making equipment to arrive before they can operate as quickly as they would like to. McQueen says it takes a pound of fruit to make eight ounces of juice so using the standard electric juicer she did on Saturday night was slower than she would have liked but she appreciated people's patience. And was amazed at how adventurous people were in trying things they had never heard of like her "immune booster" concoction of juice from carrots, beets, and apples spiced with Cayenne and garlic.

Since Christiano is president of the Folk Society and McQueen is vice-president, (they were elected by the society's new board this summer), the pair are planning several events. They are hoping to have a kids open mike night in addition to open stages on the first and third Saturday of the month.

The Lounge Cafe itself will be open Thursdays to Sundays from noon to 10 p.m. The owners say that in the spring and summer months they hope to expand the hours.



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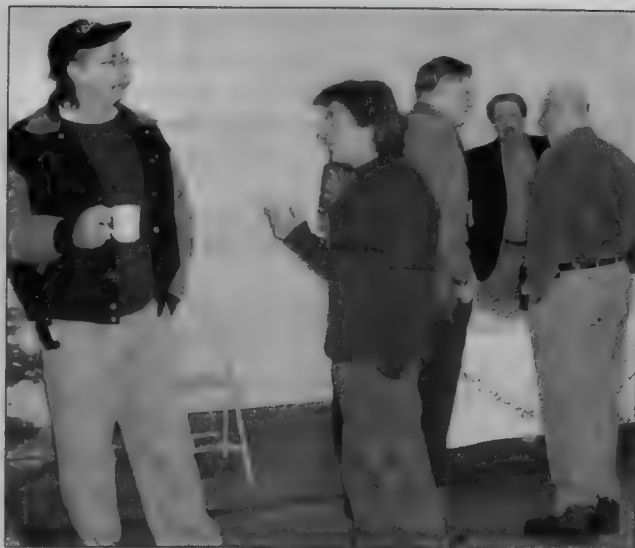
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Send Santa your Christmas wish list by E-mail! Come into the Dorset Rec Centre on Mondays, December 8, 15 or 22 between 1 and 8:30pm and learn how to E-mail Santa! He's making his list and he's checking it twice so make sure to call 766-9968 and book a time on the computer.

The 2nd Annual Community Christmas Music Evening is on Saturday, December 13 at 7:30pm at the Dorset Recreation Centre and features the Muskoka Men of Song. All are welcome to this community event sponsored by St. Mary Magdalene Anglican Church, Dorset. St. Mary's extends a special invitation to people from surrounding communities. Refreshments will be provided. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$3 for children and can be purchased from church members, at the Dorset Post Office or at the Dorset Recreation Centre. For more information, please call Patricia Thompson at 766-0267.

Community Kitchen will be meeting on December 18 to bake Christmas cookies. If you are interested in participating, please call the Rec Centre at 766-9968 by December 8.

"Santa Clause II" will be playing at the next Dorset Kids Movie Night at the Dorset Rec Centre on Friday, December 19 at 7pm. Lots of prizes! Free popcorn!



People who volunteer for Algonquin Highlands were invited to a Christmas tea at the Dorset rec centre last Sunday. It was followed by the tree-lighting ceremony.

Free admission (donations appreciated)! Wear a Santa hat for a chance to win a prize. For more info, call 766-9968.

The Dorset Heritage Museum has the ideal stocking stuffer this Christmas. It's a 2004 Calendar with photos of the Dorset area from years gone by. They are available at the Algonquin Highlands Township Office (Dorset), Robinson's General Store, the Dorset post office, Dorset Tim-Br Mart, Mountain Trout House Marina and Old Mill Marine. Also available from the Museum are Gary Long's informative new books, "The Gilmour Tramway" and "When Giants Fall". For more information or to purchase books or calendars, call Norm at 766-2814.

Birthday wishes for December 7 to 13 go out to Weldon Tracey, Jackie Timbers, Donald McEachern, Bruce Frieday, Janeen Byman and Happy Anniversary to Marg and Charlie Schwab.. Have a wonderful day!

United Church presents The Promise of a King

Celebrate the arrival of Christmas on Sunday, December 14 at 11:00 am, when the Choir of Minden United Church presents "The Promise of a King", a Christmas cantata under the direction of organist and choir leader Catherine Kellett.

This joyous feast of music will be enjoyed by young and old and the service is open to all regardless of religious affiliation.

A real, live baby will be in the crib for the Christmas Eve service on December 24 at 7 pm.

Come out and enjoy both or either of these Christmas offerings—music, lights and a break from the rush.

Fill an OPP cruiser with food

The Haliburton Highlands OPP detachment will once again be attending local grocery stores just before Christmas in order to fill a cruiser with food.

Members of the public will be encouraged to drop off non-perishable food items that will be donated to the local food banks. In years past, due to the public's generosity, a cruiser has been filled with food for this worthy cause.

The cruiser will be in Minden on Tuesday December 16 at IGA from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm, and Valu-mart from 12:00 to 3:00 pm.

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The **MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION** of Ontario requests tenders for the Demolition/Removal of Buildings and Improvements in the Township of Lutterworth.

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Inquiries

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- The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.
- Bidders on a suspended list will have their tenders rejected and returned unopened.
- Tender forms may be obtained from the Shared Services Bureau, Strategic Procurement Branch, 200 First Ave. West, North Bay, ON P1B 9M3. Telephone: 705-494-3157/3160 or Fax: 705-494-3161.

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INVITATION

The Council of the
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INAUGURAL MEETING

to be held on Tuesday, December 16th, 2003
at 7:00 p.m.

In the County Council Chambers
11 Newcastle Street, Minden, Ontario



COUNTY OF HALIBURTON Roads Department

NOTICE TO MOTORIZED SNOW VEHICLE OPERATORS

The County of Haliburton has enacted By-Law No. 2954 under the authority of the Motorized Snow Vehicles Act R.S.O. 1990 Chapter M44 Section 5, which restricts the operation of motorized snow vehicles upon the serviced roadway, except to cross, on the following County Highways:

County Road No. 21 Highland Street
(formerly 121 Minden to Haliburton)

County Road No. 121 Snowdon Road
(Minden to Kinmount)

County Road No. 503 Furnace Falls Road
(formerly County Road 503)

County Road No. 507 Buckhorn Road
(formerly County Road 507)

County Road No. 648 Loop Road
(formerly County Road 648)

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Chief Administrative Officer



Haliburton, Northumberland and Victoria ACCESS CENTRE

The Haliburton, Northumberland & Victoria Long-Term Care Access centre is funded by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, with a mandate to provide community-based health care services in a three County area. The Haliburton, Northumberland & Victoria Long-Term Care Access Centre is seeking an experienced Graphic Designer and Communications Specialist to help develop and implement its communication plan.

COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR 6 MONTH CONTRACT January 5, 2004 to July 2, 2004

Reporting to the Director of Clinical resources and Partnerships, the Communications Coordinator will develop a communication strategy and create materials to promote a recognizable image of the Access Centre within the communities it serves. This position is based in Lindsay, but considerable travel to other offices in Haliburton and Northumberland Counties is involved.

Only those selected for an interview will be contacted.
Those attending an interview will be requested to bring a portfolio.

Please respond by December 19, 2003 to:

Carol Jenkins, Manager, Human Resources
Haliburton, Northumberland and Victoria Long-Term Care Access Centre
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FAX: 705-324-1932
E-Mail: Carol.Jenkins@hmv.ccac-ont.ca



The Council of the County of Haliburton is seeking Letters of Interest from individuals willing to serve on one or more of the following Committees or Boards

- Accessibility Advisory Committee
- Environment and Planning Advisory Committee
- Haliburton County Library Board

Letters of Interest must be forwarded to the attention of the County Clerk and be received at the County by **Tuesday, December 16th, 2003.**

Letters may be hand delivered, faxed or e-mailed to the attention of

Gary King CAO/Clerk
County of Haliburton Administration Office
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Bird watchers will have binoculars out on Dec. 14

With the arrival of winter at the end of November, bird activity has undergone a change. This year the wild food crop is much smaller than last year. Most feeder operators are reporting a larger number of birds visiting, especially Chickadees.

Summer and early fall saw lots of Goldfinches, but most of them have moved off southward in search of a more abundant wild food supply. Purple Finches seem to have left almost completely, and very few Pine Siskins remain. Replacing these small finches are flocks of Redpolls, mostly Common Redpolls, but with the occasional rarer and paler Hoary Redpoll. However, the redpolls have come from the high arctic, and most are not familiar with feeders, so it will take them a while to discover this strange new source of food.

Evening Grosbeaks have appeared at quite a number of feeders, but many flocks are still on the move. Pine grosbeaks are beginning to show up as well, and a few are already visiting feeders.

The number of Blue Jays around this year is probably less than last year, but most of the ones that are here will be coming to feeders, so it may seem like there are more of them. Gray Jays prefer habitat that is swampy with tamaracks and black spruce. The southeastern portion of the count circle from Lochlin south through Gelert to Kinmount, east to Irondale and west toward Moore Falls is the prime area for Gray Jays. They will come to hunks of suet or other fat

placed out of the reach of mammals. The suet will also attract Woodpeckers and Nuthatches.

Peaks in the population cycle of mice, rabbits and Ruffed Grouse should provide an abundant food supply for hawks and owls.

More water in streams may mean that Kingfishers and Great Blue Herons will linger later. Birds that feed along stream edges such as Common Grackles and Song Sparrows may be impacted as well.

This year's bird count takes place on Sunday, December 14, which is a change from previous years. This is because the first date allowed for doing a count is December 14, which is a Sunday. You can help by joining one of the groups out counting on that date (call Ed Poropat at 457-3018), or by reporting the birds you see at your feeder and around your neighbourhood.

The count circle extends from Moore Falls in the southwest to Lochlin in the northeast, from Irondale in the southeast to Bob Lake in the northwest and from Kinmount in the south to Mountain Lake in the north. Birds seen outside the count circle are of interest, but cannot be included in the official total.

Phone 286-1189 between 5:00 and 8:00 p.m. on December 14, to report your sightings. Or send you results by e-mail to dbarry@interlinks.net or mail them to Dennis Barry, Thickson's Point, R.R.2, Whitby, Ontario L1N 5R5; (905) 725-2116

If October was bad, November was worse

by PHIL GRAHAM
Special to The Times

October was a rather yucky month and along came November, just as unpleasant. There were only about four sunny days; the remainder of the month was rainy, foggy or snowy.

The average of the month was 2.1° C, slightly warmer than last November. This month had more precipitation overall, but last November had more snow. We had heavy rain storms Nov. 12 and 18 and a heavy fall Nov. 28.

The river is very high, almost up to some roads in town. Last time this situation existed was 1982. In each case, the use of a few stop logs in some of the upper lakes would ease the situation.

Trivia: Where is the best place to have Christmas conditions in Canada: Edmonton, Fredericton, Ottawa, Montreal or Timmins?

Answer: Timmins

Average high: 5.7° C, 42.2° F
Average low: -1.4° C, 29.4° F
Average for the month: 2.1° C, 35.7° F
Average for last November: -0.2° C, 31.6° F
Highest temperature: Nov 23 12.0° C, 53.6° F
Lowest temperature: Nov. 15 -11.5° C, 11.3° F
Rain: 119.4mm, 4.7 in
Snow: 18.0 cm, 7.0 in
Total precipitation: 137.4 mm, 5.4 in
Total precipitation for last November: 107.0 mm 4.2 in
Snow on ground: Nov. 30 6 cm, 2.3 in
Snow on ground last Nov 30: 18cm 7.0 in
Total snowfall Nov 1 to Nov 30: 18 cm, 7.0 in
Days mostly sunny: 5
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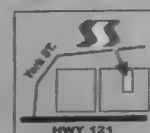
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The words of the favourite old carol ring true here at the Galway farmhouse. "All is calm" with nary a chipmunk sighting for two weeks now and, thankfully, "all is bright" with the hydro back on. The generator finally came through supplying light, warmth, a cold fridge and television for the first time to the grateful inhabitants huddled by the propane fireplace in the new addition trying to read and knit by battery lanterns. With apologies to King Wenceslas while outside the snow did indeed lay round about, deep and even, it was the sleeping quarters in the old house which could best be described as crisp.

Don't forget the Santa Claus Parade on Main Street, Kinmount this Sunday, December 14th at 2 p.m. Santa asks everyone to share the spirit of the holiday season by visiting the Angel Tree at the Post Office and/or donating non-perishable food items in the hampers placed by the



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On behalf of the John McGrath Branch 441, Royal Canadian Legion the Poppy Chairman Bernice Owens extends a heartfelt thanks to all those who assisted in making the Poppy Campaign a huge success. Thank you once again.

Please note that the Minden Library Christmas hours list the Library open on December 23rd, 27th, 30th and January 2nd. It will be closed on December 24th, 25th, 26th, 31st and January 1st.

On Friday, December 12th the John McGrath Branch 441 Kinmount Legion holds its Christmas Bingo starting at 7 p.m. with turkeys, hams, cash prizes and a great \$500 "Must Go" Jackpot.

Remember the next "Big Bucks Bid Euchre" held upstairs at the Kinmount Legion is coming up soon on Wednesday, December 17th at 11 a.m. This is a non-smoking event, and with seating limited advanced tickets are recommended. For information contact Ida Young at 488-2489.

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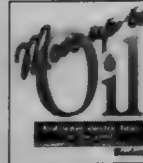
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Winning hands earn accolades

from page 26

Now for the Scoring News with your usual reminder to keep busy and well. They go together.

November 27 euchre at the Minden Legion Branch 636: For most lone hands it was Pat Roussel for the ladies and Tom Orr for the gents. High score honours went to Edith Burch for the ladies and May Bradbury representing the men while Helen Skelding and Iris Taylor recorded the evening's lows. Other prizes were won by Kay Orr, Kevin Maloney, Maxine Cross and Pat Roussel.

November 28 bid euchre Club 35, Halls Lake: Single moonshots went to Alf Helleman and Verna Sawyer while Helen Windsor and Peter Farr took two. Helen Windsor led the pinks at 306 with Marion Farr 264 second and Verna Sawyer 221 third. Peter Farr topped the charts for the white cards at 205 followed by Alf Helleman 196 and Rob Evans 194 while Dick Coffey uncovered the hidden score.

November 28 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: Using the Howell System the top three pairs were Margo Davidson and Bill Sandford 61%, Muriel and Doug McIntosh 60% and Jim Aikman with Glen Lockhart 54%.

November 29 bid euchre at Staunworth Terrace: Pat Scadden was first with 280 then

June Branning 277 and Elli Langpohl 276. Hidden score holders were Norm Lee, Bev Johnson and Pearl Cowen while Verna McDonald and Iris Taylor took moonshots.

December 1 euchre at Club 35: Holding the most lone hands was Garth Windsor with Marion Farr and Cliff Davison taking the high scores. The evening's lows went to Jean Dutka and Peter Farr while Mary Pearson took home the baloney.

December 1 euchre at the Friendship Club, St. Paul's Anglican Church, Minden: It was Norm Lee and Joyce Ritchie taking the lone hand honours while Jess Barlow and Marion Stickwood tallied up the high scores. Laura Carnegie and Lorna Hicks recorded the afternoon's lows, Mabel Deacon and Jess Barlow won the draws and Lorne Dinesen had a special visitor.

December 1 euchre at Staunworth Terrace, Minden: Elaine Yeo reports that June Branning was the winner for high hands, Pearl Cowen for lone hands and Lorna Bridgeman for low hands. The special prize went to Elda Henderson.

December 1 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at the Kinmount Legion Branch 441: High score holder was Berkie Parker with Marjorie Paradis taking both a single moonshot and the draw prize. Congratulations again go to Ida Young for this week's three moonshots. Every week there is a Pot Luck at 12:30 before the cards at 1:00 p.m. so

plan to come out.

December 2 bid euchre at the Minden Legion Branch 636: Jean Scadden topped the charts at 298 followed by Berkie Parker 287 and Norm Lee 274 while Ida Young and Rob Evans had single moonshots and Don Burch two. Hidden score holders were Anne Baker, Marg and Milton Fletcher. Marie Dennie reminds that there will be a Christmas Dinner at the Legion on Wednesday, December 17th at noon hour and all are welcome. Cost is \$5.50/person.

December 2 contract bridge at Stanhope: The afternoon's only slam went to Gloria Moore partnered with our reporter Ross Fletcher while Diana Spicer was the lucky draw winner. Dorothy Thayer led the top scoring quartet with 5680 points followed by Gloria Moore 5440, Harold Cox 5170 and Helen Rice 4520. Dorothy graciously received the "T.A.P." Award while everyone agreed now "Thayer's A Player".

December 2 euchre at the Lochlin Community Centre: For the gents Perry Peacock recorded the high score and Norm Lee the low. Inga Walters was high lady, Lorna Hicks low lady and George Bartley a double winner taking both most lone hands

and the special draw.

December 2 Stanhope Firehall Seniors Social Club Mixed Shuffleboard: Top team members were Beverley Alexander and Shirley Alderton scoring 329 then Syd Lockhart with Sandy Poulton 316 and George Hamilton partnered with Pearl Cowen 275. Donna Fink and Verna Sawyer had the low score of 67 and birthday wishes were extended to Shirley Alderton.

December 3 bid euchre at Stanhope: Muriel Harrington and Grace Berardi took the moonshots with Grace also leading the pinks at 291 followed by Pat Roussel 285 second and Colleen Davison 265 third. For the white cards it was Chris Clarke first at 295 then Len Kroes at 262 and in third spot Tom Pearson 260.

December 3 duplicate bridge at Parklane, Haliburton: North/South winners were Don Mills and Bill Sandford 71% with Muriel and Doug McIntosh second at 61%. Grace Boice and Judy Neimann led in East/West at 63% then Joan Galley partnered with Mike Collins next at 58%.

December 3 Kinmount Seniors euchre at the Kinmount Legion Branch 441: Ladies high/low scores went to Mary Wilkins and Theresa Deak with Harold Harvie taking the men's high and Ted Wilkins the men's low. Mary Wilkins held the most lone hands and Jim Corbett won the special draw.

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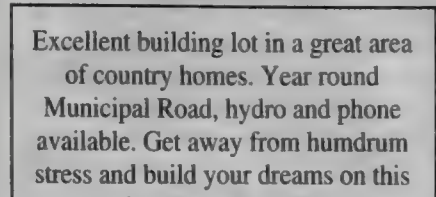
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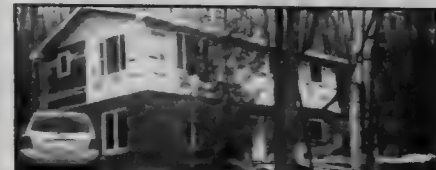
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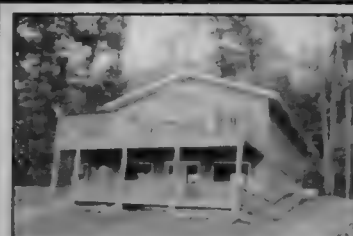
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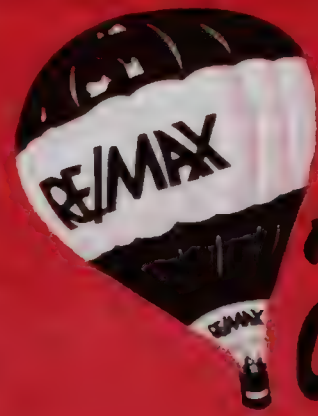
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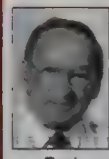
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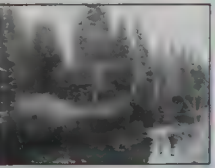
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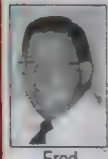
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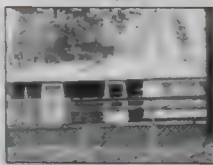
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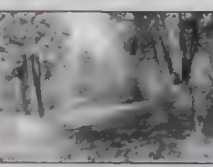
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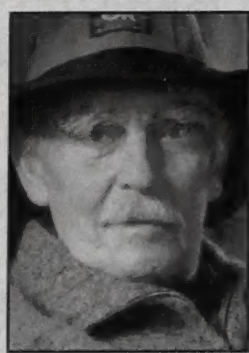
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R. D. Lawrence died peacefully at Extensicare-Haliburton on Thursday evening, November 27, 2003 in his 83rd year.

Beloved husband of Sharon Frise and the late Joan Gray. Father of Alison (Brett Roberts), Simon and Michael Polak. Fondly remembered by his grandson Bradley and godson Cais. Also lovingly remembered by many nieces and nephews and his great niece Katie. Predeceased by his brothers Ted, Fred, John and sisters Isabel and Anita.

Celebration of Life

A Celebration of R. D. Lawrence's life will take place in the summer of 2004 at the Wolf Centre at Haliburton Forest. As expressions of sympathy donations to the Alzheimer's Society would be appreciated by the family.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME, Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209.

460 OBITUARIES

WINTER, CECIL B. - At Haliburton Hospital on Tuesday morning, December 2, 2003, in his 70th year. Close companion of Doreen Wood and former husband of Doris Winter. Loving father of Brenton (Carol) of Milton, Sally-Ann of Haliburton and Tim (Leah) of Haliburton. Fondly remembered by his grandchildren Danielle, David, Nathan, Samantha, Darien, Megan and great grandchildren Aidan and Benjamin. Dear brother of Kester, Hartley, Garfield, and Paul. Predeceased by his brother Alvin and Christina. Also lovingly remembered by many nieces and nephews. Friends called at the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME, Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario, (705) 457-9209, on Thursday afternoon, December 4, 2003, from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Funeral Services was held in the Chapel on Friday morning, December 5, 2003 at 11 o'clock. Interment later Evergreen Cemetery, Haliburton. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association or the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHS Foundation) would be appreciated by the family.

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- **The Haliburton Highlands Prostate Cancer Support Group** meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m., in the Fireside lounge at the Hyland Crest Senior Citizen's Home in Minden. For info., please call Rick Ratcliff at 286-6699 or email: leacliff@sympatico.ca.
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- **Climax Climbing Club** - a drop-in indoor rock climbing program for children, youth & families offered by Family Services. Every Tuesday ending April 13th (excluding school holidays) at Camp Madeeba in West Guilford. Call 457-5345 for more details.
- **December 9:** Blue Christmas Service at 7pm at Minden United Church. Come for a meditative service to offer to God through music and prayer your pain and desire for healing.
- **December 10:** Women's Institute welcome guests to our Christmas meeting to be held in the Common Room of the Agnes Jamieson Gallery at 12 noon. This will be a Pot Luck luncheon, please bring your own dishes & cutlery.
- **December 10:** Lochlin United Church Annual Community "Old Fashioned Carol Sing" at 7:30 pm - Church Rd. off County Rd #1, Lochlin. Refreshments; hot cider & Christmas goodies following. Donations to the Food Banks accepted.
- **December 11:** The Canadian Federation of University Women's Club Christmas Cheer Meeting at 7pm is at the home of Helen Baker on Robertson Rd in Haliburton. Each member is asked to bring a small sampling of something sweet or savory to share with the group. Come & meet members, plan for future directions & enjoy an evening of fun. Questions? Call Helen 457-3322.
- **Alzheimer Society of Peterborough and Area Membership Drive.** Win a \$50 gift certificate from Red Lobster! Join the Alzheimer Society or renew your Membership between Sept. 1 & Dec 31 and have your name put into a draw with the winner being announced during January Awareness Month. Call Peterborough Office at 705-748-5131 or 800-561-2588 for more info.
- **December 13:** Christmas Music Evening with Muskoka Men of Song - 7:30pm Dorset Rec Centre.
- **December 14:** Santa Claus Parade at 2pm. Main St, Kinmount. For more info call 488-2635.
- **December 14:** (Advent III-Joy) White Gift Sunday and lessons and carols Service at 9pm presented by the Zion United Church Choir. Cantata Service at 11am by the Minden United Church Choir.
- **December 16:** Alzheimer Society Support Groups- Haliburton 1pm to 2:30pm at the Alzheimer Office. Tips for an enjoyable holiday season. Contact Janet Bottum at 457-8335.
- **December 17:** Christmas Open House. Alzheimer Society of Peterborough and Area welcomes you to our Open House. 2pm to 4pm. Come - meet the Board & Staff members. Enjoy coffee, tea, treats. Take a look at some of our new additions in the library.
- **December 18:** Alzheimer Society Support Groups- Minden 1pm to 2:30pm at the Hyland Crest. Tips for an enjoyable holiday season. Contact Janet Bottum at 457-8335.
- **December 18:** Community Kitchen- Christmas Cookies at 9:00 a.m. If you are interested in participating, please call 766-9968 by December 10th.
- **December 19:** Dorset Kid's Movie Night "Santa Clause 2" -7pm to 9pm. Dorset Rec Centre.
- **December 21:** (Advent IV-Love) Lessons and Carols. Service at 10am presented by the Maple Lake United Church Choir.
- **December 24:** 7pm-Family Service at the Minden United Church. 9pm-Communion Service at Maple Lake United Church.
- **December 24:** Dorset Rec Centre will be closed at noon today and re-open on Jan. 2, 2004.
- **December 28:** Joint service at Zion United Church -9am.

Events listings are provided **FREE** for non-profit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavor to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Times at 286-4768, emailed to editor@mindentimes.on.ca., or brought in to the office. **NOTE:** This calendar is **NOT A COMPREHENSIVE LISTING OF ALL EVENTS** taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in The Times for more information on events and in the Highlands.

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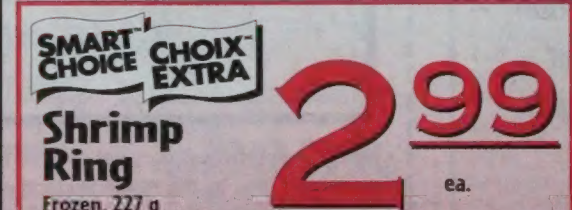
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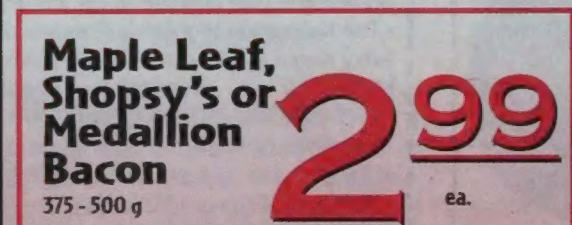
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